

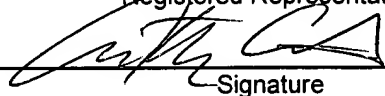


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In re Application of: Ooshima et al.

Serial No. 09/885,871

Filing Date: June 20, 2001

For: "Spin-Valve Type Thin Film Magnetic Element"

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 11, 2004**

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Dear Sir:

This is in Response to the Patent Office Action, mailed May 11, 2004 in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 1 – 3, 5, 6 and 8 – 19 in view of the following claim amendments and remarks.

Application No.09/885,871  
Reply to Office Action of May 11, 2004

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.